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Claim 24 (currently amended): A cable tray for use in a cable tray system in which at least two cable trays are connected together with at least one fastener, the cable tray comprising:

a cable support assembly having a weight-bearing base portion and a plurality of sidewalls, the sidewalls being connected to longitudinal edges of the base portion and extending in a common direction perpendicular to the base portion, the base portion defining a plurality of open ends of the cable support assembly; and

a connector receiving member integrated into a sidewall of the cable support assembly proximate an open end of the cable support assembly, the connector receiving member including two parallel sections separated by a space and extending continuously and transversely across a substantial [[at least]] part of a width of the sidewall, the two parallel sections of the connector receiving member being arranged to at least receive at least a portion of a fastener in the space therebetween.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A cable tray for use in a cable tray system in which at least two cable trays are connected together with at least one fastener, the cable tray comprising:

a cable support assembly having a weight-bearing base portion and a plurality of sidewalls, the sidewalls being connected to longitudinal edges of the base portion and extending in a common direction perpendicular to the base portion, the base portion defining a plurality of open ends of the cable support assembly; and

a connector receiving element connected to at least one of the base portion and a sidewall of the cable support assembly proximate an open end of the cable support assembly, the connector receiving element including two parallel wires [[sections]] separated by a space and extending longitudinally beyond the open end of the cable support assembly, the two parallel wires [[sections]] of the connector receiving element being arranged to at least receive at least a portion of a fastener in the space therebetween.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The cable tray of claim 26, wherein the connector receiving element further includes an arched member interconnecting common ends of

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the two parallel sections of the connector receiving element, such that the connector receiving element forms a looping element that extends beyond the open end of the cable support assembly, wherein the looping element [[loop member]] and at least one of the two parallel sections of the connector receiving element include respective electrically conductive portions that are arranged to engage the fastener.

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